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WORKING GROUP (EWG) DISCUSSION OF ANNEX E (AIR DEFENSE) OF
THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

REF: (A) NATO DOCUMENT AC/281(LTP)WP(78)2; (B) STATE
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SUMMARY: ON 13 APRIL, THE EWG, IN A VERY POSITIVE DISCUS-
SION, DEFERRED THE SINGLE MANAGER QUESTION, AND WITH ONLY
MINOR EXCEPTIONS/RESERVATIONS, AGREED TO THE TEXT OF ANNEX
E (AIR DEFENSE) REVISED TO INCLUDE THE SUBSTANTIVE MODIFI-
CATIONS SUGGESTED BY THE US. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE EWG DISCUSSION OF ANNEX E (AIR DEFENSE) (REF A)
FOLLOWS.
2. PARAGRAPH ONE. NONE COMMENTED. THE SUGGESTED US MODI-
FICATION (REF B) WAS DISTRIBUTED BEFOREHAND IN WRITING,
WAS TREATED AS AN EDITORIAL CHANGE AND WILL BE CONSIDERED
BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

3. PARAGRAPH TWO.

- (A) THE WORD "SOME" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE WAS DROPPED TO ACCOMMODATE THE NETHERLANDS REP (WYNAENDTS) WHO FIRST SUGGESTED THAT "SOME" BE REPLACED BY THE WORD "FAR REACHING".
- (B) THE PORTUGUESE REP (CATARINO) OBJECTED TO THE SECOND SENTENCE WHICH ADDRESSES THE "ENTIRE ALLIANCE" BECAUSE TF5 DID NOT ADDRESS THE AIR DEFENSE OF PORTUGAL. THE EWG WILL FOOTNOTE THE RESERVATION.
- (C) THE EWG AGREED THAT THE LAST SENTENCE SHOULD BE TONED DOWN TO INSURE IT DID NOT CONVEY AN "ALL OR NOTHING" PROPOSITION BUT STILL REFERENCED THE INTEGRATED APPROACH. BELGIAN (VAN DRIESSCHE) AND MILITARY COMMITTEE (CANTLAY) REPS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF TONING DOWN WHILE THE FRG REP (VON SANDRART) EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTEGRATED APPROACH. TF 5 DIRECTOR (PRICE) SAID CHANGES WERE POSSIBLE AND REPORTED THAT HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO FRG AND HIS COMPLETED VISITS SINCE 20 MARCH TO BELGIUM, DENMARK, ITALY AND NETHERLANDS HAD CLEARED PREVIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH THOSE NATIONS AND CAUSED HIM TO BEGIN REFINING THE TF 5 REPORT. HE HOPES TO PRODUCE REVISED PORTIONS OF THE BASIC PROGRAM WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL ACCOMMODATE MANY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL RESERVATIONS.

- (D) THE EWG AGREED TO ADD A STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THAT TF 5 HAD IDENTIFIED COSTS AND SUGGESTED TRADEOFFS TO STAY WITHIN A COST CEILING (SEE PARA 7 BELOW).

4. PARAGRAPH THREE.

- THE EWG AGREED TO REPLACE THE WORD "ESSENTIAL" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE WITH "HIGHLY DESIRABLE" TO ACCOMMODATE THE UK. THE UK REP (PETERS) AGREED HE WOULD SUPPORT THE ACCOMMODATION AFTER FIRST CALLING FOR THE DELETION OF THE SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCE ON THE GROUNDS THAT MODE 4 WILL BE OF NO USE DURING WAR BECAUSE OF ITS SUSCEPTIBILITY TO JAMMING. THEREFORE, INSTEAD OF MODE IV, RESOURCES SHOULD GO TOWARD DEVELOPING THE FUTURE NATO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE UK IS CONSIDERING MODE IV FOR THE CENTRAL REGION BUT INFERRED EVENTUAL NON-ACCEPTANCE.

5. PARAGRAPH SIX.

- THE EWG NOTED BUT DEFERRED ON THE FRG REP'S SUGGESTION TO REPHRASE THE FIRST SENTENCE TO LIMIT ACCS TO DEFENSIVE,

VERSUS BOTH DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE ASSETS. SPECIFICALLY, FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST PART OF THE SENTENCE READ: "FOR THE FUTURE, TO ENABLE THE MAXIMUM USE TO BE MADE OF AIR DEFENSE ASSETS IN ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE, AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS" EWG DEFERRED ON THIS WITH FRG CONSENT AFTER TF 5 DIRECTOR (PRICE) ASKED THAT IT REMAIN UNCHANGED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF HIS VISIT TO THE FRG NEXT WEEK. PRICE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD AGREED WITH THE NEED TO INCLUDE BOTH OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE ASSETS UNDER ACCS.

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6. PARAGRAPH EIGHT.

- (A) THE NETHERLANDS REP REMINDED THE EWG THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD REJECTED THE FIGHTER PROPOSAL AT THE 20 MAR MEETING BUT WERE NOW STUDYING THE NEW PROPOSAL WHICH THE TF 5 DIRECTOR PROVIDED THEM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

- (B) THE BELGIAN REP SAID THAT THE PROPOSED FIGHTER IMPROVEMENT COULD NOT GO ON THE F-16 BUT WOULD BE LONG TERM. TF 5 DIRECTOR (PRICE) SAID HE THOUGHT THE BELGIAN POINT WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED BY CHANGES PRICE IS MAKING TO THE BASIC PROGRAM.

7. PARAGRAPH TEN.

- THE EWG DELETED THIS PARAGRAPH PER THEIR AGREEMENT CONCERNING COSTS STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE EWG AGREED WITH TF 5 DIRECTOR, NETHERLANDS, UK AND FRG REPS THAT THE ANNEX
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SHOULD RECOGNIZE IN PARA 2 THAT TF 5 HAD IDENTIFIED COSTS AND SUGGESTED TRADEOFFS TO STAY WITHIN A 3 PERCENT INCREASE COST CEILING.

8. PARA ELEVEN.

- (A) THE EWG, WITH NETHERLANDS, DANISH (MOGENSEN) AND NORWEGIAN (HEIDENSTROM) REPS RESERVING PENDING INSTRUCTIONS, AGREED TO ACCEPT WITH SOME EDITORIAL CHANGES THE US MODIFICATION OF PARA 11(A)(1)-(6) AND 11(C) (REF B). INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL EDITORIALIZE TO INCORPORATE PARA 11(C) INTO PARA 11(A) AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE BASIC INTEGRATED PROGRAMME INCLUDES OTHER LESSER SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS. COMMENT: WE WILL PROVIDE REVISED TEXT TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. END COMMENT. DURING THE RELATED DISCUSSION, THE FRG REP AGAIN RAISED CONCERN ABOUT ACCS AND THE NETHERLANDS REP AGAIN RAISED CONCERN ABOUT FIGHTERS. THE UK AND FRG REP BOTH SUPPORTED THE US APPROACH IN LISTING THE SUB-RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (B) THE EWG PLACED BRACKETS AROUND THE US PROPOSED PARA 11 B CONCERNING THE SINGLE MANAGER PENDING RECEIPT FROM THE US AND CONSIDERATION BY THE EWG OF A PAPER OUTLINING THE CONCEPT MORE COMPLETELY (REF C). GLITMAN

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